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Statement for Channel 9 regarding Hairdressers Registration Bill

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STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER FOR CHANNEL 9.

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Following on representations made to the Government for amendments of the Hairdressers Registration Act, the Government called for submissions as to amendments from all interested parties affected by the Board and the Act in South Australia.

The submissions took some time to come in and it was necessary to negotiate in relation to a number of them. Eventually submissions in their final form only came to hand at the end of the last Parliamentary session. It was then not possible to bring in a further Bill to Parliament beyond those which had already been undertaken.

The Opposition in South Australia used its prerogative to the full to speak at length on the controversial legislation and on other legislation introduced by the Government during last session. The Government was attacked by certain of the television channels for sitting Parliament long hours in order to complete matters before them. Given the then programme in the Parliament it was impossible for us to complete all the amending legislation which we wished to deal with in that particular session, and a few Bills were either not introduced or allowed to lapse until the next session of Parliament; included in this list was the Hairdressers Registration Bill.

In order to obtain general consent to proposals for amendment of legislation, some time in negotiation is necessary. The Opposition and certain television commentators have not been slow to attack the Government for hasty legislation - indeed the commentator on this programme has suggested that the Government is trying to do too much in too short a time. We are doing our best - we cannot do more.

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